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PASS LABOR FOR SEGALL, HOROWITZ & QUACKENBUSH

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ELAB, ILO

SUBJ: ILO WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE: STEERING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

1. SUMMARY: ILO DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL BOLIN HAS ASKED US HOW U.S. WOULD LIKE TO BE REPRESENTED ON STEERING COMMITTEE (SC) OF WEC. BOLIN IS ANXIOUS TO BEGIN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH VIEW TO REACHING "GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT" ON ELECTION OF GOVERNMENT MEMBERS TO SC. NONE OF HIS SUGGESTIONS WERE HELPFUL FROM U.S. POINT OF VIEW. WE AGREED TO PASS HIS CONCERNS ON TO WASHINGTON. END SUMMARY

2. DURING SHORT STAY IN NAIROBI AT UNCTAD MEETING, BOLIN WAS TOLD BY SRI LANKA AMBASSADOR DE ALWIS THAT ASIAN GOVERNMENT GROUP WOULD BE CONTENT WITH ONE SEAT ON SC. THIS WOULD LEAVE ONE SEAT EACH FOR ASIA, THE AMERICAS, AFRICA AND EUROPE; FIFTH SEAT REMAINS TO BE DECIDED. BOLIN UNDER IMPRESSION SOVIETS WOULD LIKE ONE OF FIVE GOVERNMENT SEATS AND MIGHT MAKE THIS PRICE OF SUPPORT FOR U.S. BEING SELECTED AS GOVERNMENT REP OF GOVERNING BODY ON SC. BOLIN WONDERED  
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WHETHER FOURTH AND FIFTH SEATS COULD NOT GO TO U.S. AND

USSR WITH FRANCE REPRESENTING GOVERNING BODY. LABATT SAID U.S. DOUBTFUL SOVIETS WOULD PICK QUARREL WITH US IN GOVERNING BODY AND ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO FIRM SUGGESTIONS ON MAKEUP OF SC, WE HAD BEEN THINKING FRANCE MIGHT REPRESENT EUROPE IN FIVE-MAN GOVERNMENT GROUP ON SC AND THAT SOVIETS OR EASTERN EUROPEAN MIGHT BE GOVERNMENT VICE CHAIRMAN, WHICH WOULD GIVE THEM SEAT ON SC. BOLIN POINTED OUT THIS WOULD STILL LEAVE FIFTH GOVERNMENT SEAT OPEN AND NOTED YUGOSLAVIAN INTEREST IN PERSON OF THEIR VICE MINISTER OF LABOR WHO BOLIN SAID WAS MODERATE AND "BETTER THAN AN ARAB". LABATT DOUBTED EITHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO U.S. AND AGREED WITH BOLIN THAT CONSULTATION SHOULD GET UNDER WAY IN WEEK OF MAY 24. BOLIN HOPED U.S. WOULD DECIDE WHETHER IT WISHED TO REPRESENT GOVERNING BODY OR WHETHER IT WISHED ONE OF FIVE GOVERNMENT SEATS ON SC.

3. COMMENT: BOLIN AWARE OF AGO LUNCHEON MAY 24 FOR HOROWITZ, VENTEJOL AND ILO LEGAL ADVISER WOLF AND OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO KEEP OAR IN AREA WHERE HE HAS FORMAL RESPONSIBILITY. "GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT" WILL BE DIFFICULT, ESPECIALLY SINCE LEADERS OF ASIAN GROUP (DE ALWIS AND THAI AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA) WILL NOT RETURN TO GENEVA FROM NAIROBI AT EARLIEST UNTIL LAST DAY OF GOVERNING BODY SESSION. LEADER OF AFRICAN GROUP, GEORGE LAMIN, NOT DUE IN GENEVA UNTIL MAY 27 OR 28. ABRAMS

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